IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: **Burton Simon** Filed: January 23, 2001 Serial No.: 09/767,418 Examiner: Julie K. Brocketti

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For: Multi-person Parimutuel Betting Games Based on Sporting Events

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Commissioner:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2005. Applicant has enclosed a request for an Extension of Time of one month to October 17, 2005 for the filing of a response. Applicant appreciates the detailed examination of the claims and the explicit description of the grounds of rejection comparing claim language and the corresponding elements of the prior art references.

Original drawing sheets 1 through 18 are replaced by Replacement drawing sheets 1 through 18 in response to the examiner's objection.

Claims 11, 41, 52, and 64 are currently amended in response to examiner's claim objections.

Claims 1, 19, 22, and 52 are currently amended in response to examiner's 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph objections.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 2, 23, 32, and 55 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 14 through 17, 44 through 47, and 67 through 70 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 19, 49, and 72 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Please refer to the Amendments to Claims beginning on page 3 and the Remarks beginning on page 24.